

# Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

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## MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

*For the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1910.*

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To the Chairman and Members of the Charlton Kings  
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1910.

**Population and Area.**—The population of Charlton Kings Urban District is estimated at 4,250, with an area of 3,397 acres and over 1,100 houses.

**Births and Birth-rate.**—There were 84 Births in the District, 42 of either sex, one female was illegitimate, giving a rate of 19·08 per 1,000 population, being nearly 5·0 below the average for the last 10 years.

**Infant Mortality.**—The Infant Mortality is the lowest for many years, only 6 deaths being registered in the District, and 2 outside, making a total of 8 in all; 3 of these died through prematurity, and do not fall within "preventable mortality," and 2 from whooping cough. The rate is 71·4 per 1,000 births registered, the rate for the previous 10 years being 119·87 in the District and for the whole of England and Wales 132·3.

**Deaths and Death-rate.**—There were only 41 deaths registered in the District, and 9 more of residents occurred in public institutions outside, making a total of 50, and a rate of 10·32 for cases registered in Charlton Kings, and 11·8 for the whole population, the average for the last ten years being 13·03 and 16·36 respectively. This low general death-rate and infant mortality is an indication of the social well-being and good sanitary condition of the District, and is an improvement since last year.

**Tuberculosis.**—Of the 50 deaths, 10 were due to Tuberculosis, 7 from Phthisis, and 3 from other forms of Tubercular disease.



*Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhœa* were the cause of 5 deaths, 3 in small children, and 2 in persons over 65 years old.

*Bronchitis and Pneumonia*.—4 deaths were due to Bronchitis, all in people over 65, and 4 deaths to pneumonia.

*Cancer* was the cause of 5 deaths, giving a death-rate of 1.25 per 1,000 population.

*Heart Disease*.—There were 5 deaths from Heart-disease, 3 of which occurred in people over 65, and 1 during the administration of chloroform occurred outside the District.

*Whooping-cough* was the cause of 2 deaths, both in children under 1 year old, these were the only deaths from Zymotic diseases.

*All other Causes*.—Under this heading were 8 deaths. There was one case of a fatal accident, 3 deaths were from premature birth. Of the total number of deaths, 16 occurred in persons under 25 years, 17 between the ages of 25 and 65, and 17 of over 65.

*Infectious Diseases*.—There were only 3 cases of Diphtheria, 2 of which occurred in the same house, and were sent to the Delancey Hospital at once. There were no cases notified in the last six months of the year.

One case of Scarlet Fever occurred, which was not sent to the Hospital, 2 cases of Erysipelas were notified, and one of Trachoma, this last was treated at the Cheltenham Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital.

*Disinfection* was carried out where necessary.

*The Delancey Hospital* was, as it always has been, a great benefit to the District.

There was an epidemic in the Spring of Whooping cough, 2 deaths in children (23 days and 2 months old) being due to it. This, and some cases of Mumps, were the cause of several absentees from the Schools during the year.

*Work done and Inspections made*.—A great deal of work has been done, and many inspections were made in the District, especially in reference to the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, as there are very many dairies in the District, which supply milk not only to this District, but are the main supply of milk to Cheltenham.



The following inspections were made :—

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops	...	493
Slaughter Houses	... ..	36
Bakehouses	... ..	75
Workshops and Laundries	... ..	208
Workplaces	... ..	45
Making a total of		857

There were 17 plans of New Houses approved, and 25 New Houses built.

Thirty new connections were made with the water mains, this is less than the usual number, as there are very few houses now not connected with the main supply of water. Sixty w.c.'s were supplied with flushing-boxes. Twenty-five houses were newly connected with the sewers.

***Nuisances and Complaints, etc.—***

Number of complaints received	... ..	33
„ „ nuisance reported to Council	... ..	7
„ „ „ abated	... ..	36
„ „ preliminary notices served	... ..	27
„ „ statutory „ „	... ..	7
„ „ summonses taken out, 1, and 1 conviction obtained.		

***Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909.***—As there are over 1,100 houses in the District to be inspected, the initial stage of a thorough inspection must take a considerable time, and I hope it will be done by the Autumn. Eleven houses were inspected last year, and a report on them presented, no action has been taken, as it was considered that a larger number should be dealt with at a future date.

***General Health of the District.***—During the year 1910, I am very pleased to inform you, the health of this District has been very good. There has been no serious epidemic, and as the death-rate of the District shows, there have been very few deaths from preventable diseases, more than a third of the deaths occurring in persons over 65 years of age, the average age of death in the District being 48.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. MEYRICK-JONES.



*Write Compliments*

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